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In re Request for Continued Examination
for application of
Kayahara, Naoki

Serial No: 09/821,328

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP
GENERATING METHOD, RETRIEVAL
OBJECT MAP GENERATING SYSTEM
RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING
SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-READABLE
MEDIUM HAVING A RETRIEVING
PROGRAM, IMAGE MAP GENERATING
METHOD, IMAGE MAP GENERATING
SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD,
IMAGE RETRIEVING SYSTEM, A
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM
HAVING ENCODED AN IMAGE
RETRIEVING PROGRAM AND A
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM HAVING
ENCODED AN IMAGE RETRIEVAL
DATA (as amended)

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Examiner: FLEURANTIN, JEAN

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated October 21, 2003 in connection with the
above-identified application, the period of response being extended to February 23,
2004, by the accompanying one-month petition for extension of time and associated
fee, (Monday, February 23, 2004 being the first business day after the 4-month

response time of Saturday, February 21, 2004), please accept this Request for Continued Examination and enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

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